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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Curtis Priem *et al.*

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For: **Texture Cache For A Computer Graphics Accelerator**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is:

☒ Information Disclosure Statement

☒ PTO Form 1449

☒ Copies of publications listed on the PTO Form 1449 (Fifty-Three (53) references)

☒ English Abstracts of foreign language reference(s)

☐ No copies of publications listed on the PTO Form 1449 are being provided as this application claims continuation status to application Serial No. and copies of the listed publications were provided in the parent application.

☐ Copy of two foreign examination reports

☐ English translation of foreign examination report

3. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the later of:

☐ three months from the filing date of this national application;

- ☐ three months from the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or
- ☒ the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), no fee is required.

3. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the events noted in paragraph 2, but before either:
- ☐ Final action under 37 CFR 1.113, or
  - ☐ Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) also enclosed is:

- ☐ Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) in the amount of \$240.00; or
- ☐ Statement as stated below.

4. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the payment of the issue fee, but after either:
- ☐ Final action under 37 CFR 1.113, or
  - ☐ Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d) also enclosed is:

- ☐ Statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e)
- ☐ Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement; and
- ☐ The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00.

5. Statement. The undersigned states:

- ☐ Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement cited herein was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement; or
- ☐ No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. ☒ Also transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

| FOR:  | Claims<br>after<br>Amend. | Claims<br>Prev. =<br>Paid | Extra<br>Claims <sup>1</sup> | Small<br>Rate | Entity<br>Fee | Other Than<br>a<br>Small Entity<br>Rate | Fee | Total<br>Claim<br>Fee |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|-----|-----------------------|
| Total Claims  | 41                        | 20                        | 21                           | \$9           |               | \$18                                    |     | \$189.00              |
| Independent<br>Claims                                 | 3                         | 3                         | 0                            | \$39          |               | \$78                                    |     | \$0.00                |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Not Previously<br>Presented |                           |                           |                              | \$130         |               | \$260                                   |     | \$0.00                |
| TOTAL   |                           |                           |                              |               |               |   |     | \$189.00              |

<sup>1</sup> If difference is negative, enter "0"; if Total Claims after amendment is 20 or less, enter 0; if Independent Claims after amendment is 3 or less, enter 0.

7. ☒ Small entity status of this Application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Verified Declaration previously submitted.

8. Fees

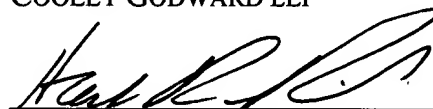
☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-3117 in the amount of \$189.00 to cover the additional claim fee (claims over twenty).

[X] No Information Disclosure Statement fee is required.

[X] **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 03-3117. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and pursuant to Applicant's continuing duty under 37 CFR 1.56 to bring any information which may be material to patentability of this application to the Examiner's attention.

Applicant makes no representation that a search has been conducted by the Applicant, or that there is not possibly more relevant art. Applicant also makes no representation that the information submitted herewith is in fact material.

- ☐ No copies enclosed: The publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 have been previously cited by or submitted to the PTO as recited in the Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal that accompanies this paper. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), no copies of these publications are being provided.
- ☒ Copies enclosed: Copies of the publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 are being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ A subset of the enclosed publications was cited in foreign examination reports in related cases. A copy of the search reports and the cited references are attached hereto.

☐ The search report is not in the English language and a translation of the search report is enclosed.

☒ At least one of the enclosed publications is not in the English language.

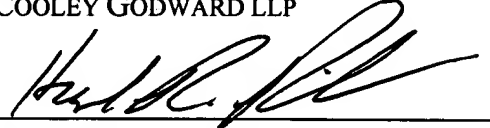
☒ English Abstracts are enclosed.

☐ Enclosed is an explanation of the relevance of non-English publications for which an English translation is not available.

☐ The explanation is in the form of an English language search report.

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